

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

4th Quarter 2016
October, November, December

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During June, July, and August, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)
Frontline (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
Open Mind (Weekly)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour Weekend (Weekly)
Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (Weekly)
SciTech Now (Weekly)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

TESLA: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:00pm

Meet Nikola Tesla, the genius engineer and tireless inventor whose technology revolutionized the electrical age of the 20th century. Although eclipsed in fame by Edison and Marconi, it was Tesla's vision that paved the way for today's wireless world.

BLACK AMERICA SINCE MLK: AND STILL I RISE (PT. 1) (120) minutes

Aired Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. takes a personal journey through the last 50 years of African American history, charting the incredible progress made - as well as the obstacles that remain. Features conversations with Jesse Jackson, Nas and Donna Brazile.

EERO SAARINEN: AMERICAN MASTERS (60) minutes

Aired Saturday, December 28, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Explore the life of the modernist architect behind visionary buildings like St. Louis' Gateway Arch. Travel with his son, director of photography Eric Saarinen, ASC, as he visits his father's work on a cathartic journey, shot in 6K.

Arts

HAMILTON'S AMERICA (90) minutes

Aired Friday, October 21, 2016 at 9:00pm

GREAT PERFORMANCES follows the creation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's pop culture Broadway phenomenon, Hamilton, and the history behind it. Interviews with Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, Nas, Questlove, Stephen Sondheim and more.

SOUNDBREAKING: THE ART OF RECORDING (60) minutes

Aired Monday, November 14, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Explore the role of the music producer tasked with turning an artist's vision into a hit and view the contrasting styles of some of the most accomplished producers. Featuring George Martin, Sam Phillips, Tom Petty, Dr. Dre and more.

JOSHUA BELL'S SEASONS OF CUBA (60) minutes

Aired Friday, December 16, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Witness award-winning, world-famous violinist Joshua Bell lead a LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER event with musicians from America and Cuba, building a bridge between cultures and artistry.

Business / Industry

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 11:00 pm

A conversation with Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos.

RIC EDELMAN'S TRUTH ABOUT RETIREMENT (120) minutes

Aired Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 9:30 pm

In RIC EDELMAN'S THE TRUTH ABOUT RETIREMENT, financial advisor Ric Edelman-host of the syndicated personal finance talk radio show The Ric Edelman Show and the television series THE TRUTH ABOUT MONEY WITH RIC EDELMAN-provides an action plan that people can use to ensure a fiscally secure retirement. With a focus on the new Social Security laws that took effect in the beginning of 2016, Ric conveys the important strategies that viewers of all ages need to plan their retirement. He also covers investment strategies and estate planning. The program is fast, entertaining and accessible, and filled with information individuals can use to make informed decisions about their financial futures.

SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU (120) minutes

Aired Tuesday, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 pm

We all have financial issues and problems. Suze Orman's latest special sharply focuses on her helping individual viewers "find financial solutions for you." As always, Suze's advice is based not just on numbers, but on a critical understanding of ourselves and our emotional needs. The special's central theme is that our financial decision-making should be guided by an understanding of "the goal of money." As Suze perceptively defines it: "The goal of money is to make you feel secure." Our financial solutions should work to fulfill that goal. In addition, Suze stresses the importance of making financial decisions that you feel comfortable with. Financial problems are caused when you do things with money that do not seem "right" to you, despite pressures and advice from others.

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW (30) minutes

Aired Friday, October 21, 2016 at 8:00pm

Trump won't accept election results if he loses as Clinton expands campaign into red states: With less than 3 weeks left until Election Day, the bitter contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump escalated again into sharp, personal attacks during the final presidential debate of 2016. The Republican nominee said he may not accept the results of November's election and reserves the right to file a legal challenge. Clinton is leading in battleground state polls and is expanding her campaign into traditionally Republican states, but the former secretary of state is facing her own troubles with the continuing slow-drip Wikileaks release of hacked campaign emails and allegations this week of quid pro quo between the State Department and FBI. Plus, down-ballot Republicans have distanced themselves from some of Trump's most recent comments. As Election 2016 enters the final sprint, we get an update on the state of the race.

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm

For this episode on Sunday, Nov. 6, two days before Election Day, the FBI clears Hillary Clinton of a second probe into her private email server. Later, the push for a national popular vote over the Electoral College. Alison Stewart anchors from New York.

Charting the course to victory from swing state Ohio: No Republican has ever won the presidency without winning Ohio, and the same has been true of Democrats since John F. Kennedy. How are voters in the state feeling in the final days of the election? The NewsHour's John Yang, who is covering the Clinton campaign, joins Hari Sreenivasan from Cleveland, Ohio.

Will Trump take the battleground state of Iowa? During the last two decades, Iowa has largely voted for Democratic presidential candidates. But this year Republican Donald Trump is expected to take the state. The NewsHour's Jeffrey Brown, who is covering the Trump campaign, joins Alison Stewart from Sioux City, Iowa, to explain what has changed in the battleground state.

An expert's preview of election night: As this year's hard-fought presidential race enters its final days, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are campaigning for a path to the 270 electoral votes needed to take the White House. NewsHour Weekend Special Correspondent Jeff Greenfield offers a close look at the key results and trends to watch for, hour by hour.

This system calls for popular vote to determine winner: Four times in U.S. history, the winner of the nationwide popular vote has lost the Electoral College and the general election. But a proposal called the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would

automatically allocate participating states' Electoral College votes to whoever wins the national popular vote. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE (120) minutes

Aired Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Ken Burns tells the story of the five Harlem teenagers who were wrongly convicted of rape in New York's Central Park in 1989. The film chronicles the case from the perspective of the young men whose lives were upended by this miscarriage of justice.

Economy

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Monday, October 31, 2016 at 11:00 pm

A conversation with Neil Shen, founder of Sequoia Capital China

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Why even insured Americans struggle to get mental health care: It's the first day of enrollment season for the Affordable Care Act. But when it comes to mental health, even those with insurance struggle to get affordable care. Special correspondent April Dembosky and Sheraz Sadiq of KQED meets a mom who faces misinformation, long waitlists for therapists and prohibitively expensive care for her son with autism and herself.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Will D.C.'s new paid family leave policy help or hobble business? The District of Columbia just passed one of the leading paid family leave laws in the country: D.C. parents who work in the private sector can now take eight weeks off at up to 90 percent of their pay. However, opinions differ on the law's economic impacts. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

NATURE: SUPER HUMMINGBIRDS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 8:00pm

With high speed camerawork and breakthrough new science, we enter the fast-paced world of hummingbirds as never before. Speed is their middle name. Their lives are moving faster than the eye can see. They possess natural born super powers that enable them to fly backwards, upside-down, and float in mid-air. And for the first time, we see them mate, lay eggs, fight, and raise families in intimate detail. They are great athletes, tender mothers, brave in combat, and up for any challenge. They are Super Hummingbirds, the smallest and most brilliant birds on earth.

TREASURES OF THE EARTH: POWER (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Drill down to discover how Earth's natural treasures provide bountiful energy to power our modern world yet are also driving us to seek new, cleaner alternatives that can help us keep the lights on.

NATURE: LEGENDARY WHITE STALLIONS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 8:00 pm

This story of the world-famous Lipizzaner stallions focuses on the bond that develops between the horses and their caregivers, beginning at the moment of their birth and culminating in the perfect harmony between horse and rider demonstrated at the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria. Their carefully choreographed movements were originally developed for the training of war horses; only the strongest and most athletic horses qualified. The Lipizzaner stallion is bred for its courage, strength and character, but the horse is also gentle, sensitive, and exceptionally responsive to praise.

Health / Health Care

POV: THANK YOU FOR PLAYING (90) minutes

Aired Monday, October 24, 2016 at 10:00 pm

When Ryan Green, a video game programmer, learns that his young son Joel has cancer, he and his wife document their emotional journey with a video game, "That Dragon, Cancer." It evolves from a cathartic exercise into an acclaimed work of art.

FOREVER PAINLESS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE (90) minutes

Aired Friday, November 25, 2016 at 8:30 pm

Miranda Esmonde-White, The New York Times best-selling author of Aging Backwards, addresses the topic of chronic pain in her new pledge special FOREVER PAINLESS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE. The program provides a groundbreaking and eye-opening education on pain and its causes, and offers a new approach to pain management. Through compelling interviews from world-renowned health professionals attesting to the power of the body to rid itself of pain with the right approach to pain relief and management, FOREVER PAINLESS presents an accessible and widely available solution to the current pain epidemic, inspiring audiences to take their health into their own hands. In addition, interviews with individuals who have cured their chronic pain through gentle, daily exercise offer audiences moving stories of those who have suffered and triumphed.

FOREVER PAINLESS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE (90) minutes

Aired Monday, December 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Miranda Esmonde-White, The New York Times best-selling author of Aging Backwards, addresses the topic of chronic pain in her new pledge special FOREVER PAINLESS WITH MIRANDA ESMONDE-WHITE. The program provides a groundbreaking and eye-opening education on pain and its causes, and offers a new approach to pain management. Through compelling interviews from world-renowned health professionals attesting to the power of the body to rid itself of pain with the right approach to pain relief and management, FOREVER PAINLESS presents an accessible and widely available solution to the current pain epidemic, inspiring audiences to take their health into their own hands. In addition, interviews with individuals who have cured their chronic pain through gentle, daily exercise offer audiences moving stories of those who have suffered and triumphed.

National Politics / Government

WILLIE VELASQUEZ: VOTE YOUR VOICE (60) minutes

Aired Monday October 3, 2016 at 10:30 pm

Meet the charismatic pioneering activist whose rallying cry of "su voto es su voz" (your vote is your voice) started a grassroots movement that transformed the nation's political landscape and paved the way for the growing power of the Latino vote..

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Friday, November 4, 2016 at 11:30 pm

Dexter Filkins of The New Yorker discusses Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's insistence that Syria is "better than before" the civil war.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm

What we know about the attacks in Germany and Turkey: It's been a day of terror, with attackers striking in Germany and Turkey. In Berlin, a truck drove into a crowd of Christmas shoppers, leaving the street full of dead and wounded. Hours earlier, the Russian ambassador to Turkey was assassinated by a Turkish policeman in civilian clothes. Judy Woodruff speaks with Ira Spitzer of Feature Story News for more on the attack in Germany.

Science / Technology

NOVA: GREAT HUMAN ODYSSEY (90) minutes

Aired Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 9:00pm

Walk in the footsteps of our ancient ancestors as scientists trace the paths that led us out of Africa and around the world. From snowy Siberia to remote Pacific islands, discover how humans survived and thrived in every corner of the planet.

NOVA: TREASURES OF THE EARTH-GEMS (120) minutes

Aired Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Gemstones like diamonds, rubies, opal and jade are the ultimate treasures. Delve into Earth's depths to discover how these precious stones are forged and what explains the unique allure of each captivating gemstone.

NOVA: SECRETS OF NOAH'S ARK (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 9:00 pm

A 3,700-year-old inscribed clay tablet reveals a surprising new version of the Biblical flood story, complete with how-to instructions for assembling an ark. Following the directions, expert boat builders assemble and launch a massive reed boat.

War / Veterans / National Security

FRONTLINE: CONFRONTING ISIS (90) minutes

Aired Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 9:00pm

Investigating the U.S.-led efforts to degrade and destroy ISIS. Reporting from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, and Turkey, the film examines the successes, failures, and challenges of the fight, as ISIS loses ground in the region but strikes out abroad.

BATTLE OF CHOSIN: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (120) minutes

Aired Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Revisit this pivotal 1950 Korean War battle through the eyewitness accounts of participants. A harrowing story of bloody combat and heroic survival in the first major military clash of the Cold War.

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11:00 pm

Thomas Friedman weighs in on news from the Trump transition and President Obama's final press conference of the year. A discussion about President Obama's final press conference of 2016 with John Dickerson, host of "Face The Nation." Mark Shriver introduces his book "Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis." Will Ahmed, founder and C.E.O. of WHOOP, discusses how his company helps athletes track performance and recovery.